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1. HAVE PROVIDED SEC. TANCO WITH CONTENTS OF REF A. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM TANCO TO HATHAWAY. QUOTE. FOLLOWING MY CABLE TO YOU OF MARCH 6, I WAS INFORMED RECENTLY BY JOHN HANNAH THAT MAURICE WILLIAMS IS POSSIBLE U.S. KANDIDATE FOR WFC EXEC. DIRECTOR IN ADDITION TO BERNIE BELL. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED WORD THAT THE U.S. INTENDS TO SUPPORT WHOMEVER I PREFER BETWEEN THESE TWO, PROVIDED I GET PRIOR AGREEMENT OF SECGEN WALDHEIM AND SUFFICIENT SUPPORT OF WFC COUNTRIES. IN MY VIEW BOTH BELL AND WILLIAMS ARE ON TOP OF MY LIST OF NAMES MENTIONED THUS FAR. I CONSIDER BOTH OF THEM EQUALLY COMPETENT WITH WILLIAMS PROBABLY HAVING SLIGHT EDGE BECAUSE YOUNGER, HOWEVER, I AM NOT CERTAIN OF AVAILABILITY AND INTEREST OF WILLIAMS IN POSITION. THUS, I PREFER TO LEAVE DECISION AS TO WHO SHOULD BE U.S. CANDIDATE IN YOUR HANDS SINCE SECRETARY BERGLAND AND YOU ARE MORE FAMILIAR WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BACKGROUNDS AND EXPERIENKE. I WILL ACCEPT WHICHEVER CANDIDATE YOU RECOMMEND FOR THIS POSITION. PLEASE LET ME KNOW U.S. DECISION WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS SINCE I INTEND TO SEND PRE-LIMINARY LIST OF RECOMMENDEES TO SECGEN WALDHEIM BY END OF THIS WEEK. I AM REQUESTING SECGEN THAT HANNAH'S TERM BE EXTENDED TILL END JUNE. UNDERSTAND HARRY WALTERS MEETING WITH MAYNES, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE TUESDAY, WASHINGTON TIME.

PLEASE ADVISE WALTERS CONTENTS OF THIS CABLE IN VIEW OF APPARENT
CONFUSION MY POSITION RE WILLIAMS AND BELL. WARM REGARDS.
END OF QUOTE.
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